

## THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Topics of General Interest in the New States and Elsewhere.

## THE LATEST FISH STORY

A Farmer Has Trained His Dog to Fish for Suckers—A Good Hunting Story on an Idaho Mining Man.

Ben Northington of Boise City has received a letter from a friend at Sargents, Wyo., announcing wonderful strikes in the mines of that district. One has been taken out that runs as high as \$14,000 to the ton. The letter states that the wildest excitement prevails throughout the entire state and that expert pronouncement it the greatest strike ever known and predict big returns.

Fog Horn, a Chinaman from Butte, was held up in Red Lodge, Idaho, Sunday night by two lonely highwaymen. The men are described by the Chinaman as being tall men. The robbers got some twenty odd dollars and if they had of had the precaution to have searched the rear pocket of the Mongolian they would have got \$100 more. It is certain that the thieves are novices at their business.

Carl Link, a woodman aged 36 years, was killed Saturday afternoon by a falling tree while chopping in the woods near Redmond, Wash. The tree which he was chopping stood on a hillside and fell in a direction which the unfortunate man had not calculated. He was caught beneath the tree, which fell across the small of his back and legs. Link was badly crushed by the weight of the tree and died within a few moments from internal injuries. His right leg was also broken.

From the Castle Mining Reporter we learn that the miners while drifting in the Silver Star mine near Robinson broke into a cave of very large dimensions. The extent is yet unknown, but it has been explored 100 feet. Some places there are rooms 50 feet square and 20 feet high. The bottom of the cave is covered with boulders, while the sides are lime and porphyry. It is the intention to explore it thoroughly and the extent will be fully reported next week.

A good story is told on a mining man who stops at the Idaho hotel, says the Idaho Avalanche. Last Wednesday he went onto War Eagle mountain to look at a property, and when about half way there discovered what he supposed to be a young bear, in the rocks. He immediately returned to the Leonard mill, borrowed a rifle, a revolver and two knives, and persuaded a man to go back with him to help pack the bear to the valley. With quickened breath they approached the place where he had left him, and their chagrin may be imagined when they found that it was nothing but a porcupine. He will not make a robe of the hide.

The last fish story is from the Klamath Star: D. W. Anderson at Lost River gap sends his dog fishing for suckers, and the dog goes to work with a degree of intelligence and physical activity that makes the local fishermen blush like a red steer. With his teeth he catches a grip on the gone sucker and with a rapid flit of his head he flings the wriggling victim high and dry upon the beach. Mr. Anderson and Fido have caught 7,000 of them. As each sucker yields nearly a pint of oil, and the oil sells rapidly for 80 cents to \$1 a gallon, one can estimate the value of a dog that catches several hundred of them every springtime. This is a fat country.

One night during the past week some person entered the stable of George Bachman, who resides a few miles above the crossing at Musselshell, saddled and bridled a horse that was tied in the stable and rode the animal away without any permission from the owner. The next morning the horse was tracked and found quite a distance below his place and upon the opposite side of the river, where the venturesome rider had turned him loose. It is supposed that the perpetrator was one of the numerous fugitive criminals that it seems are at large, about the country, and being on foot thought that the safest way of crossing the river.—Billings Gazette.

A frightful scene was witnessed by a few people living along the line of the Northern Pacific, between Foster and Laurel stations, Tuesday evening. The west bound freight that pulled out of Billings yard during the afternoon numbered among its cars a carload of fine breeding horses destined for some point on the coast. At Billings the animals were supplied with hay, and a few sparks from the locomotive when nearing Foster found their way into the car containing the horses. Before the danger was discovered the fire had gotten beyond control, but the train crew uncoupled the car and made quick time with it for Laurel station, where a supply of water could be had. It was too late, however, to rescue any of the animals alive, save one, and it will probably die from its injuries.

The Walla Walla Journal says: Mrs. A. McKay expects government indemnity for the loss of a pack train. It seems, in 1885, her former husband, a Mr. Winchester, now dead, this man recently sent a pack train to the Blackfoot country and, when beyond the Idaho line, the men were attacked by Indians during the night and all killed but one. He managed to get into the woods and lived on wild berries for 14 days, until found. He just lived long enough to tell the tale of that awful night and then died. All that Mrs. McKay needs now is three competent witnesses to testify to the main facts in the case and to the applicant's good character. Those who are willing to make the requisite affidavits are William Stephens, J. F. Boyer and Dan Lyons, all of whom remember more or less of the case, sufficient to make the lady's claim good, for, after the killing of the packers, the Indians stole the cargo and the mules, and left her poor indeed.

The Old Stage Lines grow fewer every year. By the recent extension of the Union Pacific, the old trail from Cheyenne north to Douglas and the Black Hills country is now occupied by well equipped trains. This new line makes easy of access the rich mineral lands of Wyoming. Fast trains, good service, and low rates.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. All troubled with complicated ailments of above organs should have a full examination to-day with the surgeon of the Kansas City Surgical Institute, now at 8 East Broadway, room 2, Butte City, until 31st, April 1 to 7, at Merchants' hotel, Helena.

## AN ALMOND-EYED WIFE.

She Was Rather Mixed Up as to Her Marital Responsibilities.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The arrival of the China steamer Gaelic recently brought a handsome Chinese girl apparently not much over 19 years old. She had no papers and was released on the usual writ of habeas corpus along with a score of others.

The writ was returned a few days ago and with it the fair Po Sing. She claimed to be married, and said that her father lived in San Francisco. Between herself and an assistant attorney for the prosecution the following conversation ensued through an interpreter:

"How old may you be?" commenced the attorney.

"Nineteen years," was the prompt reply.

"Are you married?"

"Yes, sir."

"Where were you married?"

"In China, five years."

"Have you ever seen your husband?"

"No, sir; he has always been in San Francisco."

"Well! And is it a custom in China to marry a man without seeing him?"

"Yes, sir."

"You have never seen your husband, then?"

"No, sir."

"Would it be too much to ask you to tell the court how many children you have?"

"Two."

This answer fairly paralyzed the court, and the almond-eyed damsel was ordered to return to her children.

## CHANGED HER PLANS.

But She Was Bound to Do Up the Dog by Some Means or Other.

From the Detroit Free Press.

A woman entered a grocery on Michigan avenue one day last week in possession of a puppy and said to the proprietor:

"I want a glass fruit jar holding a quart, and you may put half a pound of gunpowder into it."

"Yes'm. New way to do up late peaches?"

"No, sir. It's a way to do up a dog."

"How?"

"My boy Willie has got a dog under our barn and he won't come out. Willie is going to blow him up."

"Great Scott, ma'am, but if you explode this powder under the barn you'll set the building on fire."

"Would it really?"

"Of course it would."

"Willie will be terribly disappointed."

"But you'll save the barn."

"Well," she said, as she picked up her money, "I'll have to change my plans. I'll buy him an auger and let him bore holes in the floor and pour hot water down on the dog."

## Annette Rives in Paris.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

A young woman who is studying art in Paris writes:

"I was most pleasantly surprised a few evenings since by receiving a pretty note from Mrs. Chanler (Annette Rives) inviting me to dine with her that very evening, saying that, on account of illness, she had been unable to call, and desired greatly to see me before leaving for Nice. 'I thought best not to accept the invitation to dinner, as we had never met, and knowing that she had been ill; but on my way from the studio I called. She has a palatial apartment on the Avenue de Boulogne a l'entree; so I was never so astonished as when she entered the salon—a perfect beauty, with a mass of golden hair, all natural waves and curls; great soulful, luminous gray eyes, and teeth that are exquisite. She is a real thing—graceful and looks about twenty years old. I know of no one nearly as lovely to compare with her. I never saw hair like hers, except in paintings. 'She wore a white tea gown, partly open in front, exposing a mass of soft, white, beaded lace, a gold girdle about her waist, a tiny red silk turban on her beautiful head, and red hose and slippers; withal she was a perfect picture. She was charming, cordial, and greeted me as if I had been a loved friend. She appeared much disappointed on hearing that I had not come to dinner, and wanted to know why not. I am sure you will be amused when I tell you that, after a half hour's chat together, I went home, dressed in a dinner gown, and came directly back again. Mr. Chanler is in America working for an art fund he is interested in. The dinner at 8 o'clock was artistically served. Menu cards mounted on silver, colored candles in silver sticks, with dainty bouquets of great clusters of white lilies decorated the table and were scattered in well-judged profusion about the room. 'Her dinner costume was a soft clinging gown of a light blue shade, with a white lace collar and a plumed cape made of the same material as her gown carelessly thrown about her shoulders. She is a brilliant conversationalist, and we all grew bright in her presence, so the dinner was a rare enjoyment to me. After the dinner and the other guests had departed, I attempted to leave also, but she would not allow me to. She was tired, for she is not strong, so we went to her boudoir and she unlocked the great coil of beautiful golden curls, threw herself onto a couch placed in front of a blazing wood fire and I sat beside her, and we had a coffee and chatted of art, her forthcoming new book and other things until it was 12 o'clock. 'I had altogether a delightful time and should not mind looking at her forever.'"

## Circumstances Modify.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In a town up North an ex-judge is cashier of a bank. One day recently he refused to cash a check offered by a stranger. "The check is all right," he said, "but the evidence you offer in identifying yourself as the person to whose order it is drawn is scarcely sufficient."

"I've known you to hang a man on less evidence, judge, was the stranger's response. "Quite likely," replied the judge, "but when it comes to letting go of cold cash we have to be careful."

## Afraid of the Organ Grinders.

From the Lowell Citizen.

"Do you think we will have war with Italy?"

"I hope not. Just imagine an army of hand-organists all playing in front of our city and demanding its surrender."

## Just Enough to Give It a Flavor.

From the Pittsburgh Leader.

The grip gives many a decent man a chance to dose himself with whisky and quinine, with the quinine largely in the minority.

## Not So Funny After All.

From the Somerville Journal.

It is hard on a man to have his beard shaved off for fun, just to see if his friends will recognize him, and then to be bitten by his own dog at the front gate when he comes home to tea.

## Piano Tuning.

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JOHN H. STANDALL,

Anacanda, Mont., Jan. 19, 1891.

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONT.

April 3, 1891.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the District Court of Deer Lodge county, at Deer Lodge, on May 26, 1891, viz: Xava La Fleur, who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 10,424 for the S E 1/4, N E 1/4 Sec 28, Tp 2 S, R 14 W.

He claims the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: David D. Walker, James K. Mulvey, William Anselmus, Gustav Eker, all of Anacanda, Montana.

JNO. R. EARDLEY, Attorney.

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